

Response to Amendment

1. This Office Action is responsive to Amendment received on 1/29/2009 and subsequent correspondences regarding Power of Attorney (see Interview Summary).

A Terminal Disclaimer filed on 1/29/2009, subsequently approved on 3/19/2009.

Claims 1-11 are cancelled. Claims 12-22 remain in application.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 12-22 are allowed over prior art of record.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The closest prior art of record, Gilhousen et al. (US 5,056,109) and Blakeney II et al. (US 5,267,261), taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose the inventive step of, "transmitting a first pilot strength measurement message, in reverse link, to add a new pilot to its active set for a forward data control channel, and, transmitting message, from base station to a mobile station, containing information to start reception on forward dedicated control channel (claims 1 and 16).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AFSAR M. QURESHI whose telephone number is (571)272-3178. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on (571) 272 7872. The fax phone

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